Volume 4
Chapter 13

WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO NOW, MASTER MANIOL!?
.....
WE'LL HAVE TO COME UP WITH A NEW PLAN
...
LET'S GO...
HE'LL NEVER GIVE US A SECOND CHANCE! HE'LL MURDER US-
A NEW PLAN!? DO YOU ACTUALLY THINK THAT MASTER JAHMI WILL FORGIVE US!?
!?

SFX: FWU
...!!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!!
ARE YOU REALLY MASTER MANIOL?
IF YOU ARE, ANSWER THE QUESTIONS I'M ABOUT TO ASK!
BUT IF YOU CAN'T, I'LL...

AHH HE'S JUST USING HIS MODIFIED VERSION OF STEP-GUARD
WOW, THAT'S AMAZING...
UMM... HOW CAN MR. CROW WALK ON WATER?
THAT WAS @ERUN AN INSTANT TELEPORTATION SPELL, NOT A FLYING SPELL LIKE WHAT MISS JESSICA USES
OH... @EALLY?
YOU'RE PRETTY AMAZING YOURSELF, SAKI! I HAD NO IDEA YOU COULD USE FLIGHT TOO!
ALRIGHT, EVE@YONE, LET'S CHECK THE SHIP FOR DAMAGE AND @EPAIR IT IF NECESSARY!
THERE WON'T @E ANY REST TILL IT'S DONE!!

A BLUE METAL SLIME, HUH...
HMM...
MY POINT BEING WE MAY BE SURPRISED BUT WE WON'T DISCRIMINATE
YOU SEE, ONE OF OUR MEMBERS WAS TURNED INTO A HORSE ONCE WHILE ANOTHER IS IMMUNE TO CURSES
TO BE HONEST, WE DON'T REALLY CARE
SO YOU'RE SAYING SHE WAS ONCE A SLIME, RIGHT?
SFX: SNUGGLE
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THAT'S RIGHT WE LOVE YOU ALL THE SAME, YOU LIL SLIME!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
THOSE FELLOWS WHO TRIED TO KIDNAP HER...
THERE IS ONE THING THAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT THOUGH

WHAT'S MORE HE ALWAYS DID WHAT HE WANTED. IF HE EVER TOOK ORDERS FROM SOMEONE ELSE, IT'S TOP-RANKING DEMONS
BRACOS SIMPLY ISN'T THE KIND OF GUY TO MESS WITH SOMEONE STRONGER THAN HIMSELF
THEY'RE PROBABLY DEMONS!
NOW WHY DID THEY DO THAT?
IN OTHER WORDS, A HIGHER-RANKING DEMON CAME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE TO ABDUCT SLAN...
WE CAN SAFELY ASSUME IT WAS THEM WHO MADE BRACOS ATTACK OUR SHIP
!?
I AGREE. IT'S WEIRD THEY MAKE AN ARMY OF MONSTERS CHARGE US JUST SO THEY CAN KIDNAP ONE OF US? IT SEEMS A BIT COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE TO ME
MAYBE THEIR PLAN WAS TO KIDNAP SLAN AND KILL US ALL OFF WHILE THEY WERE AT IT? THAT MAGIC ICE BLOCK ALMOST GOT US...
I DON'T GET WHY THEY HAD TO GANG UP WITH BRACOS TO ATTACK OUR SHIP IN SUCH A FLASHY WAY
BUT IF ALL THEY WANTED IS TO KIDNAP HER, WOULDN'T YOU NORMALLY TRY TO AVOID DRAWING ANY ATTENTION?
YEAH, BUT IT'S JUST GUESS-WORK
THAT MEANS THE DEMONS CAME TO KIDNAP SLAN KNOWING THAT SHE'S A BLUE METAL SLIME?
BUT THAT'D BE TOO EASY
DEMONS HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPING CHILDREN ALL OVER THE WORLD FOR A WHILE NOW, SO YOU COULD ARGUE THAT THIS IS THE SAME THING
DOES ANY OF THIS RING ANY BELLS?
WHAT DO YOU THINK, BAKI?
ESPECIALLY NOW THAT WE KNOW THAT SLAN ISN'T JUST A NORMAL CHILD

WE'LL HAVE TO BE MORE CAREFUL FROM NOW ON
I GUESS WE WON'T GET ANY ANSWERS NOW...
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SOMEONE TRIED TO KIDNAP SLAN
SORRY, NO...
ALSO, IT'D BE BETTER IF SHE STAYS INSIDE THE SHIP FOR THE REST OF THE TRIP
ONE OF US SHOULD BE WITH HER AT ALL TIMES
NO, THAT'S ALRIGHT
SORRY FOR TALKING ABOUT ALL THIS IN FRONT OF HER...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
I'LL CAST A MORE POWERFUL REPEL ON THE SHIP
YEAH...
DON'T WORRY, SLAN. WE'VE ALL GOT YOUR BACK!
BAKI...

SFX: FLINCH
COME IN!!
OKAY, ONTO TO THE NEXT ISSUE
SFX: CREAK
NOW...

WHAT DO WE DO WITH HIM?
...
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY-THING TO SAY FOR YOURSELF?
...
I...
I...
I'M...

DUXY
LEVEL. 7
HP: 66
MP: 27
STR: 23
AGILITY: 46
WISDOM: 29
LUCK. 3
HIS REAL STATS ARE SO BAD.... HE REALLY IS JUST AN OTAKU
THEN DUXY HESITANTLY STARTED TALKING WITH LONG PAUSES INBETWEEN. FIRST OF ALL. HE ADMITTED THAT HE MADE UP HIS STATS AND CV.
I.
AFTER THAT, HE TOLD US ALL ABOUT HIMSELF
WHERE THE HELL DID HE GET GLASSES LIKE THAT FROM
BY THE WAY. IT SEEMS LIKE HE WAS ONLY ABLE TO MOVE SO FAST WHEN WE FIRST MET BECAUSE HE WAS WEARING THOSE CURSED GLASSES
I WAS UNABLE TO KEEP UP WITH THE OTHER STUDENTS AND SOON, THEY ALL STARTED TELLING ME I DON'T HAVE ANY TALENT AND CALLING ME A LOSER EVERYDAY.
BUT...
I SAVED UP MONEY IN SECRET AND AS SOON AS I HAD ENOUGH, I RAN AWAY FROM HOME AND ENTERED A SCHOOL IN PORT SELM!
I HAVE ALWAYS DREAMED OF BECOMING A REAL ADVENTURER EVER SINCE I WAS A KID
MY DAD HOWEVER NEVER WARMED UP TO THE IDEA.
BUT I... I WASN'T GOING TO LET HIM DISCOURAGE ME

IT WAS THAT THEY MADE FUN OF MY DREAM TO BECOME AN ADVENTURER AND LAUGHED ABOUT IT...
THE WORST PART OF IT ALL WASN'T THAT THEY MADE FUN OF ME...
UNABLE TO PAY THE FEES, I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO QUIT THE SCHOOL.
I EVENTUALLY GOT FIRED FROM THE PART-TIME JOB I WAS WORKING TO PAY OFF THE SCHOOL FEES AND SUPPORT MYSELF TOO.
I COULDN'T STAND IT... SO I TRIED HARDER... BUT I WASN'T IMPROVING NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRIED...
THAT'S WHEN I SAW YOUR WANTAD...
LET'S PLAY DOJI
I WAS NEAR MY BREAKING POINT...
GOING HOME WASN'T AN OPTION SO I SWORE TO FULFILL MY DREAM AT ANY PRICE AND STARTED WORKING AT A TAVERN
I SERVED YOU A DRINK AT A TAVERN ONCE DO YOU REMEMBER?
I WAS SO SURPRISED WHEN I SAW THAT YOU WERE THE INTERVIEWER...
BUT NOTHING CHANGED I WAS STILL A LOSER AND MY COWORKERS STARTED PICKING ON ME...

AND WHEN I SAW YOU AGAIN AT THE INTERVIEW, I WAS SO GLAD THAT I GOT CARRIED AWAY AND PUT ON THAT LITTLE ACT
WHEN YOU ACCEPTED THE DRINK WITH A SMILE, I SOMEHOW KNEW YOU WERE A GOOD PERSON
OH RIGHT
SEX THUD
BUT I JUST REALLY WANTED TO GO ON AN ADVENTURE
ACTUALLY, I CAN ONLY USE A FEW BEGINNER SPELLS...
UH
BE A COOL ADVENTURER WHO GOES ON ALL KINDS OF JOURNEYS AND HELPS PEOPLE IN TROUBLE. JUST LIKE IN THE BOOKS I USED TO READ WHEN I WAS A KID...
I JUST... WANTED TO REALIZE MY DREAM !
UHH...

BAKI
?
BUT DON'T GET OTHERS MIXED UP IN IT. IT'S A PAIN IN THE ASS, Y KNOW?
YOU'RE FREE TO DREAM ALL YOU WANT
RIGHT, BAKI?
I KNOW LYING IS BAD, BUT...
CAN'T WE GIVE HIM A SECOND CHANCE?
SLAN YOU MUSTN'T BE SO KIND TO GUYS LIKE THIS!
IT'LL ONLY SPOIL THEM AND THEY WILL NEVER CHANGE
...
...

SIGH
.....
I'LL LEAVE YOUR PARTY AS SOON AS WE REACH OUR DESTINATION
I'M SORRY
WE CAN'T HAVE THAT! SLAN AND I NEED YOU IN GRANVANIA!!
HELL NO!!
SFX FWIP
BUT IN RETURN I NEED YOU TO REACH LEVEL 20 BY THE TIME WE GET TO THE OTHER SIDE!!
LET'S JUST FORGET IT HAPPENED
I WAS PISSED YOU LIED TO ME AT FIRST BUT NOW THAT I'VE HEARD YOUR STORY I DON'T CARE ANYMORE
HP
BAKI!

IF YOU'RE TOO WEAK JUST TRAIN AND GET STRONGER FROM NOW ON
WHAT'S THERE TO BE "EH" ABOUT?
EH!?
WE HAVE TO PRO-TECT SLAN FROM NOW ON SO GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER MAN
WELL, WHAT CAN I DO, WE DON'T HAVE ANYONE ELSE
YEAH
AH... ERR... ARE YOU REALLY OKAY WITH ME AS YOUR PARTY MEMBER ?
HEH
BAK!
B-BUT THERE'S NO WAY I CAN REACH LEVEL 20 IN SUCH A SHORT TIME
THE HELL... YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SAY "I'LL DO IT" OR "LEAVE IT TO ME!" THERE!

SFX: WHACK
BESIDES, YOU CAN'T JUST GET STRONGER IN A FEW WEEKS
NICE PEP TALK BAKI BUT SEE HOW HIS FIRST REACTION WAS TO GIVE UP? THAT GUY'S USELESS!
DON'T GIVE UP BEFORE YOU'VE EVEN TRIED...
YOU MAY HAVE A GOOD EYE FOR PEOPLE BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN LABEL OTHERS LIKE THAT
MISS ALDA
WRONG! I'M 33!!
NO!!
25!!
I KNOW IT'S SUDDEN BUT HOW OLD DO YOU THINK I AM?
LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT A MAN
NOW, LISTEN UP, OLIVY!!
EH...!?
EH...?

HE WAS ALREADY 30. SO HE HAD WASTED HALF HIS LIFE LIKE THAT
NOT ONLY DID HE NOT DO ANYTHING. HE DIDN'T EVEN FEEL LIKE DOING ANYTHING ELSE
DAY IN DAY OUT HE'D JUST SIT THERE NEXT TO A BONFIRE A REAL LOSER
HE WAS A PIECE OF TRASH WHO COULDN'T DO ANYTHING BUT START A BONFIRE
SFX: BAM
HE FOUND ENJOYMENT AND SATISFACTION IN WORKING HARD FOR HIS GOALS AND TURNED HIS LIFE AROUND
BUT EVEN SOMEONE LIKE HIM MANAGED TO FIND A GOAL FOR HIMSELF THEN WITH THE HELP OF ALL KINDS OF OTHER PEOPLE.
HE WAS FULL OF BASELESS PRIDE
BUT HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY STAMINA OR SELF-CONFIDENCE
MISTER BAK!...!!
I'M TALKING ABOUT MYSELF HERE
WELL..

IF I COULD DO IT, YOU CAN TOO!!
LONG STORY SHORT
IF EVEN A SMALL PART OF YOU STILL REFUSES TO GIVE UP ON YOUR DREAM,
KEEP WORKING YOUR ASS OFF AND MAKE IT TRUE
BECAUSE I SURE AS HELL WON'T MAKE FUN OF YOUR DREAM
GUESS YOU WERE WRONG THIS TIME
OH, SHUT IT
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YES...!!
WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT THAT I'D PASS SYPHER'S WORDS ON TO SOMEONE ONE DAY... I DIDN'T.

IT'S NOTHING FOR YOU TO APOLOGIZE FOR, BAKI
I'M SORRY
HOPE WE CAN FIX IT ONCE WE GET THERE
WE FOUND ONE BIG HOLE IN THE SHIP'S HULL... MUST'VE HAPPENED WHEN WE CRASHED INTO THE ICE BUT THE SHIP SHOULD HOLD UNTIL WE GET TO AILARA
EASY FOR YOU TO SAY, CROW! YOU CAN WALK ON WATER
HIC...
YEAH, RIGHT
NO WORRIES. IF THE SHIP CAN'T BE FIXED, WE'LL JUST WALK BACK HOME
YOU'LL NEVER GROW UP WILL YOU, YOU SPOILED BIRL?
AH!
I WANT A DARK RED SHIP WITH LOTS OF GOLD ORNAMENTS
HOW ABOUT THIS? YOU WALK HOME ALONE AND COME BACK WITH A NEW SHIP TO GET US. WE'LL BE WAITING

MEEPEEAA, I NEED SOME BOOZE OVER HERE
JEEZ
I'M GOING TO GET SOME REST. YOU'RE IN COMMAND NOW
AHH... THAT?
WHAT IS WITH THAT?
I NOTICED HOW MISTER CROW ALWAYS GIVES HIS HAT TO MISS ALPA BEFORE HE GOES INTO BATTLE
SURE
I ASK YOU SOMETHING MISTER EIGHT?
I SEE...
NOWADAYS PEOPLE APPLY THE SAYING TO ALL KINDS OF OTHER THINGS THOUGH, FROM BRAWLS TO GAMBLING
AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT THE PEOPLE IN PORT SELMI BELIEVE
IN THAT CASE, DON'T LEAVE IT UNATTENDED LIKE THAT
HE SAID THAT BACK THEN
SO THAT'S WHY...
IT'S A SUPERSTITION OF SOME SORT
"IF YOU DO, YOU'RE SURE TO RETURN HOME SAFELY"
LEAVE YOUR PRECIOUS POSSESSIONS TO SOMEONE PRECIOUS TO YOU BEFORE YOU GO OUT TO SEA

IT'S BOY TALK, ISN'T IT!?
HEY! WHAT RE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT?
HEHE HE
DOES THAT MEAN THE TWO ARE YOU KNOW
HEY...
OH BOY...
SPK SMASH
HEHE WHY NOT?
VICE CAPTAIN!! PLEASE DON'T!
WHOA, MEDEA, YOU HAD WAY TOO MUCH TO DRINK!
YOU STILL ON ABOUT THAT?
I'M SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE I HAVE CAUSED
I KNOW YOU CAN...DO IT
GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR TRAINING, BOY!
SIGH... IT WAS MORE LUCK THAN ANYTHING ELSE THOUGH. I WAS SO DESPERATE...
YOU DID GOOD WHEN YOU STOPPED THAT DEMON IN HIS TRACKS WITH YOUR FIRE SPELL

YOU MUST BE GETTING TIRED OF BEING ALL DEPRESSED BY NOW WHY DON'T YOU GO DOWN AND HAVE A DRINK?
DOESN'T MATTER. FACT IS, IT SAVED YOUR PARTY
Y-YEAH
IS YOUR BODY ALRIGHT SLAN?
WHEN THESE GUYS ARE A HANDFUL...
BAK! DON'T WORRY I'M FINE
REALLY?

SEE!?
DON'T LIE TO ME!!
UGH!!
SFX. GRIP
AH!
SORRY
YEAH
MY HAND HAS BEEN TINGLING EVER SINCE I HIT YOUR SPEAR WITH IT
WELL... I'M GLAD YOUR ARM DIDN'T COME OFF AGAIN
HOW IS THE PAIN? DOES YOUR WHOLE BODY HURT?
I DIDN'T FEEL ANYTHING WHEN MY ARM CAME OFF IN ALCAPA, BUT RIGHT NOW MY BODY IS REGISTERING A LOT OF PAIN
AND IT'S NOT JUST PAIN EITHER. IT'S LIKE MY WHOLE BODY HAS GOTTEN MORE SENSITIVE
THE FOOD I HAD JUST A WHILE AGO HAD A MORE INTENSE TASTE THAN BEFORE TOO

YOU SHOULD PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO SLAN'S TRANSFORMATIONS
EH?
IS THAT RIGHT
SLAN IS STILL ONLY A CHILD RIGHT NOW
ASSUMING SHE'LL TURN MORE AND MORE HUMAN, NO, LIVE ON AS A HUMAN FROM NOW ON,
SHE'S BOUND TO RUN INTO ALL KINDS OF NEW PROBLEMS
HUMAN-SPECIFIC PROBLEMS...
SFX: SHINE
O-KAY
WELL, SHOULD IT COME TO IT, MAKE SURE TO APPROACH HER WITH LOVE JUST LIKE I TAUGHT YOU TO!!
YEAH, LIKE THE STUFF YOU'RE GOING THROUGH RIGHT NOW
HUMAN-SPECIFIC PROBLEMS...?
OH- AND ONE MORE THING

IF YOU CONSIDER HER PERSONALITY CHANCES ARE QUITE HIGH THAT SHE'LL TRY TO DO IT OVER AND OVER AGAIN
SHE MIGHT TRANSFORM AGAIN TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT
ONCE SLAN BECOMES AWARE OF HER POWER AS A BLUE METAL SLIME, WHENEVER SHE FINDS YOU OR HERSELF OR SOMEONE ELSE AROUND HER IN DANGER
IT MIGHT EVEN POSE A RISK TO HER LIFE
!?
BUT LIKE ALL GREAT POWERS IT COMES WITH A GREAT PRICE
HER POWER MIGHT HAVE A FANCY NAME LIKE "HYPER EVOLUTION"
SFX: SLUMP
THAT'S A HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY TO BEAR
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU!?
KEEP IT IN MIND... AND TRY NOT TO GET YOURSELF INTO SITUATIONS THAT COULD PROVOKE IT
GOT IT?
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WHOA! WAIT! PLEASE DON'T THROW ME!!
FOOL, GET A GRIP!!!
SFX: LIFT

ALL I HAVE TO DO IS NOT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE AGAIN!!
IF I WANT TO DEFEAT ANYONE ELSE, I'LL HAVE TO DEFEAT MY INSECURITY FIRST!
IT'S TIME TO PART WITH MY OLD INSECURE SELF
I'VE MADE UP MY MIND NOW
I SWEAR I WON'T LET ANYONE PUT SLAN IN A TIGHT SPOT LIKE THAT!!
I'LL GIVE IT MY BEST SHOT, NILAM!!
I'LL BE COUNTING ON YOU
GOOD

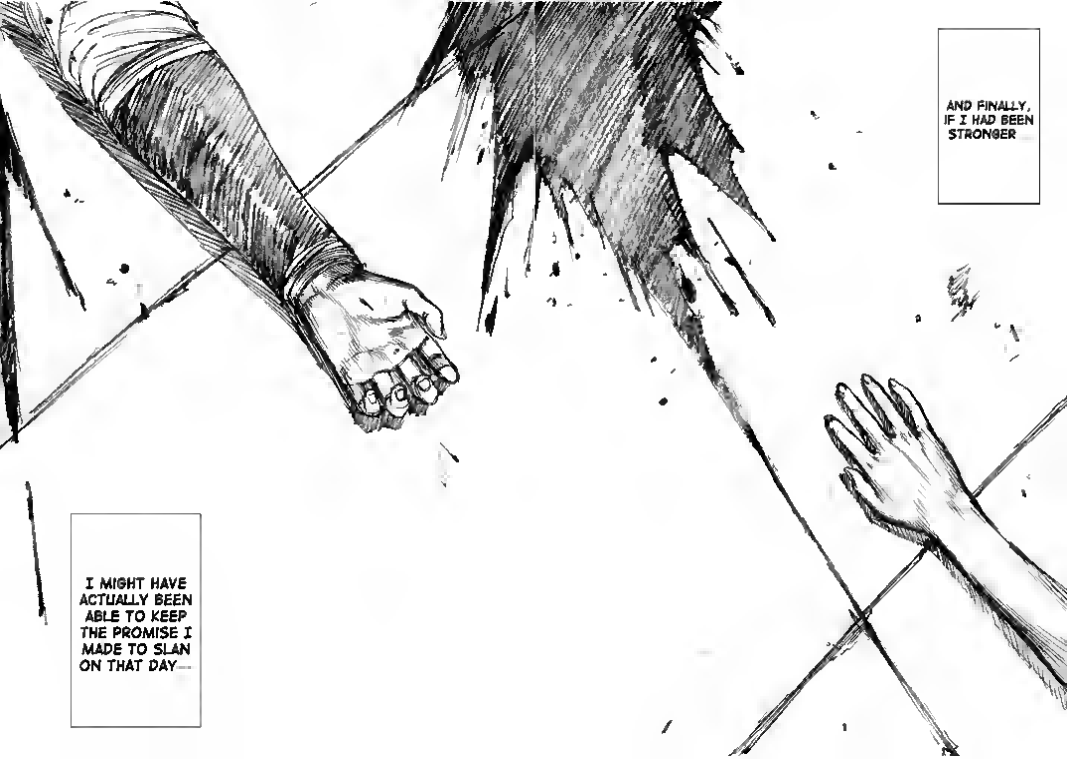
?
WHAT'S WRONG, BAKI?
I WAS ACTING ALL COOL AND STUFF SO EMBARRASSING
I SAID ALL THAT AND THIS HAPPENS
BUT NOW IT LOOKS LIKE DEMONS ARE AFTER SLAN'— DEMONS! THAT'S FUCKING TERRIFYING! WOULDN'T IT BE WISER TO CANCEL MY JOURNEY?— I MAY ACT ALL HIGH AND MIGHTY IN FRONT OF OLIVY, BUT DEEP INSIDE, I'M SHAKING WITH FEAR!
COME ON! WE'VE BEEN OVER THIS, BAKI!!!
I GOT THIS!!
WAH!!
YOU CAN DO IT, BAKI! YOU CAN DO ANYTHING IF YOU PUT YOUR MIND TO IT!!
UHH AT LEAST I'VE BEEN TRAINING— YEAH! I'VE TRAINED LONG AND HARD! I JUST NEED CONFIDENCE! CON-FI-DENCE!!

SLAN!! I PROMISE I'LL PROTECT YOU FROM ANYONE AND ANYTHING NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS!!
SO THERE'S NOTHING FOR YOU TO WORRY ABOUT!!
OKAY!!
O-OKAY
I'M NOT WORRIED
I'M FINE! AS LONG AS YOU'RE WITH ME, BAKI,
I'M NOT SCARED OF ANY DEMONS!

I'M SURE WE'LL SOON FIND OUT SOMETHING NEW ABOUT MR. PAPAS,
SO LET'S DO EVERY-THING WE CAN TO GET TO GRAN-VANIA!!
HEHE!!
HEY BAK!
WAH!
THAT'S JUST WHAT I WANTED TO HEAR!! I'M CLOSE TO TEARS!
SLAN!!

HEY, COUNT ME IN!! I'LL DO MY BEST TOO!!
NOW LET'S ALL DRINK OUR SORROWS AWAY!!
SFX: SMACK
ARGH!!!
WHATEVER MONSTER MAY COME OUR WAY I'LL JUST BLAST 'EM AWAY WITH MY EPIC SPELLS!! LIKE PEW PEW PEW PEW!
JUST LEAVE 'EM ALL TO ME, PAL!!
YOU DON'T EVEN REGRET WHAT YOU'VE DONE DO YA!?
OH, DO WE HAVE A FIGHT HERE?
UNH ...
SURE THING!! PREPARE YOURSELVES !!
YANGUS PLEASE TEACH THIS DRUNKARD A LESSON!
WAIT... NOT ME TOO...!!

BACK THEN, I STILL HAD NO CLUE
HOW IMPORTANT SLAN WAS TO THE DEMONS
OR HOW HER POWER AS A BLUE METAL SLIME WOULD END UP SPAWNING A DREADFUL DEVIL


AND FINALLY, IF I HAD BEEN STRONGER
I MIGHT HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN ABLE TO KEEP THE PROMISE I MADE TO SLAN ON THAT DAY—

Appendix:

Chorocters in chopter 13:

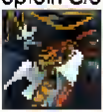
Boki

Slan

Duxy

Eight

Coptoin Crow



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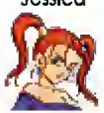

Yangus

Medea

Grocos

Sypher

Mysteriaus woman

Limaohl

Locotions in chopter 13:

- Granvania (Gatha)
- Port Selmi (Ladestar Harbour)

Spells in chopter 13:

- Stepguard (Safe Passage)
- Return (Zaom)
- Flight
- Repel (Haly Pratectian)